

November 5, 2025

Staff Senate Meeting

Gwen Dailey elected unanimously to serve as Staff Senate President for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027.

Gwen Dailey is Assistant Director of Activities, Student Organizations and Entertainment, and represents Staff Senate Seat 42: Student Affairs

"I am honored to have been nominated for this position. This is my second year serving as a staff senator and my third year working at the University of Wyoming. I joined staff senate with the goal to get to know campus better, meet people, and learn more about what is going. I have truly enjoyed my time as a senator being able to accomplish all those things. I want to continue to be an advocate for staff in conversations of shared governance. I would like to strengthen our connection with faculty senate to continue that. Ultimately I would love to see staff senate have more impact across campus. Whether that be advancing opportunities for staff, impacting policies, or using our voice and writing more resolutions. I am equally excited and nervous about this position. I know that the executive team has done a great job so far, and I will rely on them during my transition and use their expertise."

ASUW Representative Logan

No report from Faculty Senate

Nov. 7 10am-12pm Coffee with President Seidel in Buckinghorse Café

4:10-5:30 pm

Nov. 21 CR 118 Award Winning Filmmaker on building relationships

Academic Affairs

Shelley Dodd, Interim VP for Enrollment Management

Canon went off. Aug. 1 VP Hilaire will notify campus if the canon is scheduled to go off

Admissions, transfer relations office, maintain and grow enrollment. Focus on service to students, prospective students, and all campus.

General Council

VP Tara Evans

Federal Shutdown Update:

1. So far, still receiving reimbursements. Monitoring closely. A lot of employees paid part- or full-time on federal funds.
2. No one is affected at this time. A process is in place if funds go dry to put them on temporary funds until the government opens.

FIRST Committee – Foreign Influence Risk Safety and Travel:

1. PRWORA – federal public benefits from five federal agencies. Requires we verify eligibility to receive federal benefits (US citizen or authorized legal immigrant). Website has process. Requesting compliance by units by December 1. Example units affected: medical outreach serving non-citizens, 4H extensions servicing non-immigrants.
2. USDA restrictions – Dept. of Agriculture affected. Cannot apply for USDA grant going forward if you have any agreement with a country of concern (ie. as China, Russia, Cuba, North Korea, etc.). If you have a student in your lab that is from one of these countries of concern, you no longer qualify for federal funds.
3. Foreign Influence policies in general.
4. Travel guidelines for safety going to select countries (tracking system). Duty to Care. Need knowledge of where UW students, staff, faculty are going so can assist in getting them out in emergencies. Looking into purchasing travel management programs to assist. Timeline TBD
 - a. Student travelers stopped at customs? Highly recommend any student who is leaving the country who is not an American citizen should first consult International Students and Scholars for the risk and effects on their Visa.
 - b. If an American student is detained, call Global Studies and the US Embassy.

Standard Administrative Procedure (SAP)

1. Eighty regulations (down from over 100)
2. Policies (currently over 1000) – looking to make a shorter list. Currently at a pause for non-critical policy updates.

OCR Office of Civil Rights

1. Found in violation of OCR due to our partnership with “The PhD Project” in their recruitment of “students of color” (even though we did not request that portion of their services). Stopped membership with that group.
2. Now we must provide a list of all 60 memberships/partnerships so we can be sure none are preferential.

REDD

Deputy VP of Research and Innovation Aron Pradhan

Impact 307: Support university technology-based start-ups.

SBDC: Small Business Development Corporation – non-technology based start up companies

Student Affairs

Nycole Courtney – new VP for Student Affairs

1. Hired Director of the Union, Quinn Grandpre
2. Associate Dean and Dept. Title IX coordinator Melanie Vigil
3. Native Month – lots of great things happening
 - a. Teepee Talks today
 - b. Dancers and Drummers
 - c. Speakers and events
4. National Transfer week – 320 students came!
5. Time of Year for Mental & Physical Health issues – remind students about resources of student health and UCC
6. Wellness in the West moving forward – particularly around suicide prevention
 - a. Staff who took mental health first aid are eligible to carry over until January
 - b. Next training will start in January
 - i. JED Foundation – coalition on suicide prevention. Healthy Minds Survey for all students and employees to get a grasp of how we are doing.
 - ii. Saddle Up: It's OKAY to talk about suicide offered. Similar training will be offered in January
 - c. Staff who have not already are still eligible to sign up for Mental Health First Aid to receive the discount at Half Acre.
 - d. Working on bringing counseling specifically for staff to campus (short-term).
 - e. Visit website and provide feedback: uwyo.edu/wellness-in-the-west